STUDIES ON "GAMBASU" A CELESTIAL DRUG FROM KUMAON HIMALAYA

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Cordyceps sinensis an insect pathogen occurs in alpine meadows of Kumaon Himalaya (Uttaranchal). It is an energy booster-drug and it is said, has got the healing properties of all ailments. It has great economic value. Its character and properties match with a celestial drug 'Gonasi' as described in Sushruta Samhita, which is scientifically unidentified and controversial till date. It also needs conservation efforts. In the present communication all the available data's gathered on an celestial drug 'Gonasi' is presented.

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